

**Amendments to the Claims:**

The following listing of claims replaces all prior listings, and prior versions, of the claims.

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (cancelled)
2. (currently amended) A sports vision training device according to claim ~~1~~ 6, wherein said piece of material has a thickness sufficient to direct the individual's vision up and toward the field of play and players on said field of play.
3. (currently amended) A sports vision training device according to claim ~~1~~ 6, wherein said piece of material is formed from an open-cell foam material.
4. (currently amended) A sports vision training device according to claim ~~1~~ 6, wherein said adhesive coating or layer includes means for absorbing moisture and for transferring said moisture from a surface of the individual's skin to the piece of material to allow the moisture to evaporate.

5. (original) A sports vision training device according to claim 4, wherein said moisture absorbing and transferring means comprises a hydrocolloidal material incorporated into said adhesive layer.

6. (currently amended) A sports vision training device ~~according to claim 1,~~ comprising:

a piece of material having a thickness sufficient to interfere with an individual's ability to look in a specific direction at a sporting object being controlled by the individual;

said piece of material having an adhesive coating or layer for positioning said piece of material; and

said piece of material being positioned beneath an individual's eye without said piece of material covering any portion of said eye so that said piece of material interferes with said individual's ability to look at said sporting object while attempting to control said sporting object due to said thickness while said piece of material allows said individual to look forward and up without any vision obstruction,

wherein said piece of material has an upper surface and said upper surface is intermittently grooved to permit momentary glances at said sports object.

7. (currently amended) A sports vision training device according to claim ~~±~~ 6, wherein said piece of material has written indicia on an upper surface.

8. (currently amended) A sports vision training device according to claim ~~±~~ 6, wherein said piece of material has a logo on an upper surface.

9. (currently amended) A sports vision training device according to claim ~~±~~ 6, wherein said device is disposable.

10 - 13. (cancelled)

14. A system ~~according to claim 13,~~ for training an individual encouraging them to look up and forward while playing a sport without looking down at an object being controlled by said individual, said system comprising:

a pair of potentially disposable view restricting members;

each said member being adhesively applied to one of the cheeks under an eye of said individual without covering any portion of said eye and without interfering with the individual's ability to see in upward and forward directions;  
and

each said member having an upper edge positioned beneath said eye and a thickness sufficient to interfere with said

individual's vision if said individual attempts to look down and sufficient to encourage said individual to look in said upward and forward directions toward a field of play and at least one player on said field of play,

wherein each said member has a first layer formed from an open-cell foam material,

wherein each said member has an adhesive coating or layer for holding said member to a respective cheek of said individual, said adhesive coating or layer abutting a surface of said first layer,

wherein said adhesive coating or layer contains a hydrocolloidal material for absorbing moisture and for transferring said moisture from a surface of said respective cheek to the first layer for evaporation into the atmosphere, and

wherein each said member has an upper surface and intermittently spaced grooves in said upper surface, or with a narrow stem at the base of which is the adhesive for allowing momentary glances downwardly at the sports object being controlled by the user.

15. (currently amended) A system according to claim ~~10~~ 14, further comprising vision restriction devices attached to an individual's face along side each eye to restrict the individual's peripheral vision.

16. (original) A system according to claim 15, wherein each said vision restriction device comprises a first layer formed from an open cell material and a second adhesive coating or layer for adhering the vision restriction device to the individual's face.

17. (original) A system according to claim 16, wherein said adhesive coating or layer has a hydrocolloidal material incorporated therein.

18. (previously presented) A method for training an individual playing a sport, said method comprising the steps of:

providing at least one member having an upper edge, an adhesive coating or layer and a thickness sufficient to interfere with said individual's field of vision; and

positioning said at least one member on at least one cheek under an eye of said individual in a position where said upper edge is beneath said eye and which does not cover any portion of said eye so that said thickness interferes with the individual's ability to look downwardly at a sports object being controlled by the individual and to restrict said individual's field of vision to looking forward and up towards a field of play and at least one person on said field of play.

19. (cancelled)

20. (currently amended) A sports vision training device according to claim  $\pm$  6, wherein said thickness is at least one quarter inch.

21. (currently amended) A sports vision training device according to claim  $\pm$  6, wherein said piece of material is positioned so as to enable at least partial view of said sporting object being controlled by said individual at a point equal to 20 degrees relative to the individual's vertical field of vision.

22. (currently amended) A sports vision training device according to claim  $\pm$  6, wherein said piece of material is positioned so as to enable at least partial view of said sporting object being controlled by said individual at a point less than 20 degrees relative to the individual's vertical field of vision.